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YUGOSLAV ECONOMY (1973-1974)

REF: NATO 62, NATO 235, NATO 237, BELGRADE 193, STATE 9371

1. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY BELGRADE COMMENTS ON THE SUMMARY
AND WOULD WELCOME FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE FULL DRAFT REPORT.
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2. FOR BELGRADE. NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SOMETIMES
PREPARES PRELIMINARY DRAFT MATERIAL AND CIRCULATES IT FOR
CRITICISM AND COMMENT. SUBSEQUENT DRAFTS TAKE THESE
COMMENTS INTO ACCOUNT, AND SOMETIMES REPLACE A PAPER
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AND IN MISSIONS TO COUNTRIES UNDER STUDY. AS FOR

APPROPRIATENESS OF CONTINUING REVIEW OF YUGOSLAV ECONOMY IN NATO, THE IMPORTANCE OF YUGOSLAVIA AS AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNIST STATE, AS A "MARKET-SOCIALIST" ECONOMY AND AS A BUFFER BETWEEN EAST AND WEST ARE IMPORTANT JUSTIFICATIONS FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

3. FOR NATO. FAILURE TO INCORPORATE CURRENT INFORMATION AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION FOR FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS ARE SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES. SUGGEST YOU BRING

THIS GENERAL CRITICISM TO THE ATTENTION OF ACTING HEAD OF ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE.

4. AS NOTED STATE 9731, WE WILL OFFER FURTHER COMMENTS. INTER-AGENCY REVIEW SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 28. INGERSOLL

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